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SUBJECT: JAWORSKI DIALOGUE WITH ROK AMBASSADOR RE ACCESS TO
KIM DONG-JO

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1. POLCOUNS CLARK DISCUSSED INSTRUCTIONS TO AMBASSADOR KIM WITH AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR PAK SANG YONG FOLLOWING LUNCH APRIL 28. PAK SAID THAT FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH JAWORSKI, AMB KIM HAD COME BACK WITH A REQUEST FOR NEW INSTRUCTIONS. HE STATED THAT HE WAS CONCERNED THAT JAWORSKI MIGHT GO PUBLIC IF AN ACCEPTABLE FORMULA COULD NOT BE WORKED OUT. HE ADDED THAT HE COULD OF COURSE NOT RULE OUT THAT POSSIBILITY THAT JAWORSKI MIGHT DEVELOP AN ALTERNATIVE FORMULA.

2. FOLLOWING REVIEW OF AMB KIM'S REQUEST, MOFA PROVIDED HIM WITH VERY TIGHT INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EFFECT THAT SOLUTIONS SHOULD BE WORKED OUT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A TELEPHONE CALL TO SPEAKER O'NEILL FOLLOWED IF REQUESTED BY WRITTEN CONFIRMATION FROM KIM DONG-JO. PAK CHARACTERIZED THIS AS FLEXIBILITY WITHIN THE EXISTING FORMULA. POLCOUNS POINTED OUT THAT FLEXIBILITY WITHIN THE FORMULA APPEARED TO HIM NO FLEXIBILITY AT ALL AND
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DID NOT APPEAR TO GIVE JAWORSKI ANY THING THAT WOULD ALLOW HIM TO INDICATE ANY SUCCESS IN SHIFTING ROK POSITION. HE URGED THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO RETHINKING THE MATTER AND TO PROVIDING MORE FLEXIBILITY TO AMB KIM.

3. PAK SAID THAT THE PRESENT VIEW WAS THAT NOTHING

FURTHER FROM THE ROK SIDE WAS REQUIRED AT PRESENT. THEY SEE THE BALL AS BEING IN JAWORSKI'S COURT SINCE THEY HAD ALREADY MADE THEIR PROPOSAL. POLCOUNS POINTED OUT THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE BOTH SIDES HAD PROPOSED FORMULAS AT THE KIM-JAWORSKI MEETING AND THERE WAS A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT EACH WAS NOW WAITING FOR THE OTHER TO RESPOND. PAK STATED THAT HE HOPED DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD BE ABLE TO CONVINCE JAWORSKI TO ACCEPT ROK PROPOSAL. POLCOUNS STATED THAT DEPARTMENT HAD TAKEN A FIRM LINE ON THIS ISSUE WITH CONGRESS AND HAD ACTED ONLY TO FACILITATE MEETINGS BETWEEN AMB KIM AND CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES. IT COULD NOT IN HIS VIEW ADOPT AN ADVOCATE POSITION BUT COULD ONLY ATTEMPT TO FACILITATE THE TWO SIDES REACHING AGREEMENT. HE AGAIN URGED CONSIDERATION OF NEW INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AMB WHICH WOULD ALLOW A POSITION ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES TO BE DEVELOPED.

4. WE HAVE MADE SIMILAR APPROACHES TO KCIA.
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